

C & A tribes rededicate headdress honoring late Sen. Inouye, tribes push for return of land

By Rob Capriccioso, Indian Country Today Media Network

In a small, quiet ceremony in a U.S. Senate office building on Feb. 21, 2013, representatives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes rededicated a headdress that was originally given to the late Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) to honor him in the late 1980s.

The ceremony was held in the Senate Dirksen Office Building, in room 628 where Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) hearings usually take place.

The headdress had been in the senator's office until after he walked on in December 2012, and it was moved to the committee room after his passing. He had been personal friends with a former tribal chair, Jaunita Learned, and he received the headdress when visiting the reservation under her leadership in the 1980s.

In attendance were tribal Gov. Janice Prairie-Chief Boswell, Lt. Gov. Amber Bighorse, traditional tribal leader Chester Whiteman

and other tribal representatives; and staffers with Sen. Maria Cantwell's (D-Wash.) office. Cantwell is the new chair of SCIA.

Whiteman oversaw the traditional part of the ceremony, which included the burning of cedar, a blessing for Inouye's family, and a prayer meant to help the tribe and all tribal nations prosper. Tribal representatives said the ceremony was steeped in respectful tradition. There was also a smudging of the headdress to ensure Inouye's safe passage into heaven, and all who were in the room were smudged to ensure that no demons on them would travel to the afterlife with Inouye.

"We want to make headway for our people and all tribal nations who come into this committee room in the future," Whiteman said after the rededication.

The Senate ceremony was a befitting tribute to Inouye, who had spent much of his life in Congress advocating for American Indians,



On Feb. 21, 2013 representatives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes were in Washington D.C. to rededicate a headdress that was originally given to the late Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii). Pictured, from left, are Wendy Helgemo, counsel for Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, Mary Pavel, chief of staff for Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Denise Desiderio, senior counsel and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lt. Gov. Amber Bighorse.

Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Whiteman noted that the senator was well known to be strongly committed to tribal issues, which is why many tribal leaders respect his memory.

"He was always a champion for our nations," Whiteman said. "There is a void there now; we have nobody to step up that we know of yet."

In December 2011, for instance, Inouye was willing to raise ire from his fellow senators when he inserted

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Family searches for answers involving the shooting death of Chazarae Bearshield

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Under other circumstances it would have been just another picture. It caught, in an instant a bright young man with a wonderful smile. It caught a fleeting moment in time when everything seemed possible and the future held no limits. In a tragic instant, it became a picture to treasure as a mourning family is left to wonder why.

On Oct. 23, 2012, Chazarae "Chaz" Pete Bearshield's bullet riddled body was found laying in a ditch northwest of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County near Black Lake. He had been shot six times.

"His mother passed away when he was 9 years old and my mom, Linda, and really all of us raised him. We are six years apart and he thought of me as a sister. We grew up like brother and sister," Jennifer Bearshield, Chaz's sister said faltering



Chazarae "Chaz" Pete Bearshield, Tall Red Bird, was born Oct. 18, 1988 and was found murdered on Oct. 23, 2012 in Custer County, Oklahoma.

with tears. "I seen him the morning of Oct. 15th ... I work out at Lucky Star, and I seen him that morning, he was asleep when I seen him and you never know when something like that is going to happen. I think all the time, what if I had woken him up that morning, would things have been different

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Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Calumet public school board members hold a public meeting on March 12, 2013 to listen to concerned parents after learning their signatures were forged on Title VII applications for the past two years.

Pictured l-r: Michael Snyder, Michael Kennedy, Gary Tech, Grayson Garlett and Maxine Calvert.

Calumet school board members confronted with forged parent signatures for federal grant money

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

On March 12, 2013 Calumet School Board members learned of forged grant applications submitted for Title VII Native American Federal Grant program. A former Calumet Public School employee is accused of forging parents' signatures on the documents.

In order for a school to receive funds from the Title VII grant, the federal government requires parental input and their signatures. The Calumet School district is one of many schools across the state eligible to receive a Title VII grant with over 30 per-

cent of the school's population being Native American.

The superintendent for Calumet School, Keith Weldon addressed the school board and said, "It was brought to my attention on our Title VII grant that a name had been forged on a document that was sent to Washington, D.C. This year's grant totaled \$16,444. I have called the school's attorney to alert him and see what process we needed to go through and he instructed me to call Washington,

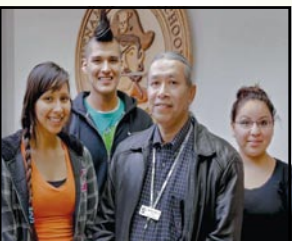
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Keeping Indian traditions vibrant, helping youth, an ongoing mission in the Putnam City School District

Through activities and programs, the Indian Education Department reaches out to nearly 1,000 students, which is 5.4 percent of the district’s 19,296 enrollment.

Director George Shields Jr. said the effort has been under way for nearly 40 years. He has spent 17 years with the program.

Shields said national statistics show American Indian students face challenges including low grades, poor attendance and low self-esteem. That’s where he hopes to make a difference.

“We talk to students, parents and teachers to find out ways to help our at-risk students become successful and productive students,” Shields said, an American Indian.

Federal grants help pay for counseling, tutoring, helping students with supplies and encouraging them to attend college.

Shields said one Putnam City graduate is now a college professor, and is just one of many success stories.

“We don’t take credit for these achievements. We are just proud to have maybe played a small part in a student’s development,” he said.

American Indian clubs are established at Putnam City and Putnam City West high schools. Membership is open to anyone, but emphasis is placed on American Indian culture.

“For some students, these clubs provide a place to identify with their Native



Indian Education organization members Sydney and Celo Keith, instructor George Shields and Jessica Hulbutta, from left, pose for a photo at Putnam City High School on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

American heritage, and for others it’s just a fun club to be in,” Shields said.

Celo Keith, a senior at Putnam City High School who has been accepted to Oklahoma State University (OSU), appreciates the club.

“You get to meet new people ... people you can relate to,” he said. He and his twin sister, Sydney, are Cheyenne-Arapaho.

Sydney Keith also has been accepted to OSU and attends the meetings held once a month.

“We also have various activities and sometimes speakers,” she said. “The last speaker talked about motivation and never giving up.”

Shields put the meetings into perspective.

“We sponsor these

events so our students can see themselves beyond public school and to realize that it’s okay to be Native American,” Shields said.

Earlier this year, the meeting featured a presentation by the Grey Snow Eagle House, an eagle rescue program sponsored by the Iowa tribe. The eagle is traditionally revered in American Indian culture. The rescue program assists injured eagles and reintroduces them to the wild.

In May, the program concludes for the school year with a powwow, a traditional gathering with dances that celebrate the culture. It’s held at the Putnam City High School gymnasium and is open to all students and parents.

The lead female dancer

this year will be Jessica Hulbutta, a junior at Putnam City High School who is Cheyenne and Seminole.

“It’s quite an honor for me,” Hulbutta said. “This helps a lot with keeping alive the heritage and that is key for the program, as well as the students.

Keith said it was something he did not want to lose.

When students in the program give presentations across the district, it often includes some of them dancing in regalia.

“This benefits all students to realize what a rich past our state has at its disposal,” Shields said. “And it makes Native American students feel proud to know that their heritage has a place in their schools.”

By Steve Gust

Photo by Chris Landsberger

Support for Native artists

Submitted article

Vancouver, Wash. – American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowships before May 3, 2013.

This unique national fellowship honors excellence by Native artists in six areas, dance, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts. Ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 dollars, the fellowships awarded by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recognize the creativity and expression of exceptional Native artists who have made significant impact in the field.

In past years, artists living in the Midwest, including Bobby Bullett (Chippewa), Brent Michael Davids (Mojican), Emily Johnson (Yupik), Bennie Klain (Navajo), Ronald Paquin (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa) and Rosy Simas (Seneca) were honored with this award.

“Through the fellowship program, we hope to foster the creative voices of our indigenous artists,” said foundation Program Director Reuben Tomás Roqueñi (Yaqui/Mexican). “The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation believes in the beauty and inspiration of the work of Native artists and the fellowships provide a significant resource for their practice.”

Artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria in full and apply by the May 3 deadline at <http://nacf.us/2014-fellowships>.

The foundation will announce award recipients in November 2013. For questions and technical support, contact Program Director, Reuben Roqueñi, reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org or (360) 314-2421.

Since it was launched in 2009, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has awarded \$1,341,000 dollars in grants to 72 Native artists and organizations in 20 states. In addition to awarding Native artist fellowships, NACF has funded organizations including the American Indian Center of Chicago, the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums of Oklahoma City, the First People’s Fund in Rapid City, S.D. and the Northwoods Nijii Enterprise Community in Flambeau, Wis. Created after decades of visioning among the nation’s first peoples with the support of the Ford Foundation and others, NACF is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures.

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Special Tribal Council meeting tables two of three resolutions on agenda

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ held a special Tribal Council meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2013 In Hammon, Okla.

A special Tribal Council meeting can be requested through the Tribal Council Coordinator’s office with 150 signatures of enrolled tribal members, verified through the Department of Enrollment.

The new business agenda for the March 2 meeting read:

1) A Resolution Repealing Tribal Council Resolution 100612ATC-004 Concerning the Election Commission and the 2013 Tribal General Election.

2) A Resolution Requesting Investigation and Report by the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of the Interior, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Concho Agency.

3) A Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Trust.

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m., after establishing a 75-member quorum by Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin.

Lisa Martin opened the floor for chairman nominations.

Leslie Wandrie-Harjo nominated Reggie Wassana, seconded by Charles Fletcher.

Vera Franklin nominated Eddie Hamilton, seconded by Yvonne Wilson.

Eddie Hamilton won nomination for chairman with a vote of 47 to 36.

Chairman, Eddie Hamilton opened

the floor for nominations for the meeting secretary.

Janice Boswell nominated Diane Willis, seconded by Betty Roman Nose.

Leslie Wandrie-Harjo nominated Lisa Rsheidat, seconded by Jerolyn Roderiquez.

Diane Willis won nomination for meeting secretary with a vote of 46-26.

Janice Boswell motioned to approve the meeting agenda as written, Barbara Paukei seconded. The agenda was accepted with a vote of 52 for, 27 opposed and 6 abstaining.

Lisa Martin read the first item on the agenda, A Resolution Repealing Tribal Council Resolution 100612ATC-004 Concerning the Election Commission and the 2013 Tribal Council Election.

This item addressed overturning the Resolution 100612ATC-004, passed at the Oct. 6, 2012 annual Tribal Council meeting in Concho, Okla., which read, Adopt A Policy to Temporarily Suspend the Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission and Its Rules for the Duration of and Until a Resolution Has Been Reached on the Dispute Involving the Existence of Two Separate, Distinct Election Commissions that Both Purport to be the Valid Election Authority of the Tribes; and Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Contract with the Secretary of the Interior or Its Representatives to Conduct the 2013 Tribal General Election.

Following discussion by Vera

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Franklin, Leslie Wandrie-Harjo, Janice Boswell, Chris Roman Nose, Jane Nightwalker, Bruce Whiteman, Robert Wilson, Darrell Flyingman, Mary Youngbull, Ron Kauley, and Roberta Hamilton, Ida Hoffman made a motion to table the resolution, Vera Franklin seconded. The resolution was tabled with a vote of 53 for, 28 opposed and 5 abstaining.

Agenda item number two, A Resolution Requesting Investigation and Report by the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of the Interior, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Concho Agency was read by Lisa Martin and opened for discussion by the chairman, Eddie Hamilton.

Following discussion by Leslie Wandrie-Harjo and Janice Boswell, the resolution passed with a vote of 60 for, 8 opposed and 3 abstaining.

On agenda item number three, A Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Trust a motion to table the resolution was immediately rendered by Darrell Flyingman, seconded by Pete Salinas and opened for discussion by chairman, Eddie Hamilton.

Following discussion by Teresa Dorsett, Chris Roman Nose, Darrell Flyingman, Jessica Kodaseet, Vera Franklin and Gib Miles the resolution was tabled with a vote of 80 for, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Indian Alcohol Substance Abuse Project

“Underage Drinking”

Submitted by John Blackowl
Reprinted from the Surgeon General's Call to Action

“Why Is Underage Drinking A Problem?”

So many kids drink. Alcohol is the most widely used substance of abuse among America’s youth. By age 18, more than 70% of teens have had at least one drink.

When kids drink, they drink heavily. Teens drink less frequently than adults, but when teens do drink, they drink more than adults. On average, youth have about five drinks on a single occasion. This is the definition of binge drinking, a very dangerous drinking pattern with potentially serious sometimes lethal consequences.

Underage drinkers are at risk for heavy drinking later in life. Adults who report first using alcohol before age 15 are five times more likely to also report abuse of or dependence on alcohol than are adults who first used alcohol at age 21 or older. Approximately 40% of individuals who drink before age 15 report having symptoms at some point in their lives that fit a diagnosis of alcohol dependence.

Alcohol may have a special allure for youth.

Adolescence is a time of

adventure, of taking on new challenges, and of sensation-seeking and increased risk-taking. Underage drinking is a risk many teens are willing to take, but it also is a risk for which teens may be unprepared. They may not anticipate just how alcohol affects their behavior and their bodies.

As a result, underage drinking can have a damaging effect, not only on teens, but also on families, schools, communities, and the Nation as a whole. Often the consequences involve innocent victims. The results of underage drinking can be grave.

Underage alcohol use is a major cause of death from injuries among young people. Each year, approximately 5,000 people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking; this includes about 1,900 deaths from motor vehicle crashes, 1,600 as a result of homicides, 300 from suicide, as well as hundreds from other injuries such as falls, burns, and drowning.

Increase the risk of carry-

ing out, or being a victim of, physical or sexual assault.

Can cause a range of physical consequences. Physical effects of underage drinking range from hangovers to death from alcohol poisoning.

Is associated with other problems. These may include academic failure, legal problems, and drug use.

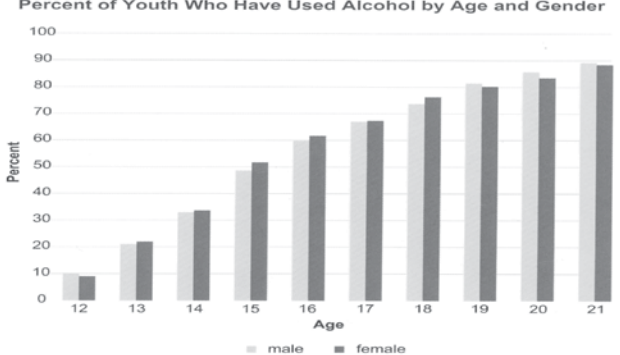
Interferes with an adolescent’s ability to judge risk and make sound decisions.

For example, after drinking, a teen may not fully appreciate the risk of driving a car “under the influence” or too fast, the risks of sexual activity, or the risk of aggressive or violent behavior. The result of such behaviors can be life-changing, whether as the result of illness or injury, or involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Plays a significant role in risky sexual behavior. This leads to unwanted, unintended, and unprotected sexual activity and sex with multiple partners. Such behavior increases the risk for unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD’s), including infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Can cause changes in the structure and function of the developing brain, especially when kids drink heavily. This is a major concern because one, the brain continues to develop into the mid-20’s, two, so many adolescents begin to drink at a young age, and three, so many youth binge when they drink.

Percent of Youth Who Have Used Alcohol by Age and Gender



Age	Male (%)	Female (%)
12	10	5
13	20	10
14	30	15
15	45	25
16	55	35
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18	75	55
19	80	60
20	85	65
21	90	70

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VAWA tribal provision continues caste system in Indian Country

Senator Maria Cantwell, the chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, stated in regard to tribal provisions in VAWA, “If you think you are rooting out crime in America and you are letting a sieve happen in Indian country you are not rooting out crime. You are sending a signal to people that this is an easy place to go. You are saying that this is the place where you can escape the law.”

Clearly, Sen. Cantwell knows little of Indian country and reservations. The oldest Indian reservations in the country and the Indian women who reside on them will continue in the same situation regardless of the tribal provision’s passage or not. Why? Because some of the eldest tribes of the reservation system are not ‘recognized’ by the BIA and therefore are not a part of the nouveau “Indian Country” that is being sold far and wide in the press. These historic reservation communities are the very “sieve” the Congresswoman is speaking of without even knowing so.

My brown-skinned, brown-haired, brown-eyed, more than half-Indian by blood, indigenous language speaking, reservation based family having daughter won’t be protected under the current tribal provisions being proposed for VAWA. As a member of a reservation based historic state-recognized tribe and a federal Indian band in Canada she is not technically “Indian” here in these United States of America. And this goes for many other women.

The passage of this tribal provision without their inclusion will further disenfranchise their historic communities and set further precedent against protecting all Indian women. The caste system of preference continues unabated and unchallenged even when violence is the result.

In a recent New York Times article, Senator Tom Udall states, “Native women should not be abandoned to a jurisdictional loophole.” Unfortunately, this is exactly what is

happening with the lack of caring for this “non-federal” segment of the American Indian population.

Tribal courts are more often corrupt than not. The constant state of disenrollments in Indian country is clear proof of the ineptitude of them. Courts can’t protect the women in our family. They deal with the issue after it has occurred. They do nothing to train our community residents to be better parents, loving husbands, and partners. They do nothing to educate our people to adhere to generosity and love. They throw ever increasing sentences at people when statistics clearly show that increased incarceration and lengthier sentencing does in no way lessen crime.

Any man knows that assaulting a woman in any form is despicable and completely wrong, but it continues nonetheless as the focus is on prosecution, not raising able, committed, strong young men.

Going to prison is normalcy in the community where I grew up. In fact it is sadly a badge of honor and respect carried around by many men. It is reconditioning this attitude that needs to be worked and focused on, not theoretical prosecution models that disregard reality.

Next is the fallacy that most tribal courts could even deal with such issues in any effective manner. Indian prosecutors (if the “tribal” prosecutor is even Indian) routinely do not take on cases, especially in smaller tribal communities, when they are related to the one who is going to be prosecuted. In fact, they work diligently to make sure that the victim is voiceless. Also, as many are white and trained in mainstream law schools, they bring in the same type of Eurocentric value system that would have been used by an outside courtroom. So the “justice” being done mirrors the mainstream court systems. I have watched family members being torn apart by the tribal court system with no recourse as federal Indian courts/tribes invoke sovereign

immunity at the mere thought of having to defend their actions. The tribal court system is for “U.S. federally-recognized Indians”, so there are Indians who are not “non-Indian”, but are viewed as non-Indian as they are not federally recognized. This includes any state recognized tribal member or status/non-status Indian or Metis from Canada when they reside in the U.S. Many such individuals do live on reservations in the U.S. and are married to federal Indians in the U.S. as well. I am a perfect example of this. They are voiceless in tribal decision making as are non-Indians. Tribal members are routinely “above the law” in their own courtrooms, with non-tribal members being guilty before proven innocent as a common occurrence. As someone who has been prosecuted as a “federal Indian” in a U.S. tribal court (though not a domestic violence case) I can attest firsthand of the political vindictiveness that occurs. Some of the court cases are nothing more than political games of chance with the judges and prosecutors hand picked by the very tribal officials leveraging charges.

The next problem is the statistics that are consistently broadcast showing that most cases of abuse on American Indian women are at the hands of non-Indians. It is the unwritten rule that you don’t rat out your own folks, and I have seen time and time again that Indian women receiving abusive treatment from their Indian partners are pressured by even their own families not to report the abuse. However, when the non-Indian or non-tribal member engages in this abuse you better bet that the case is reported in a prompt manner. Indian men beat up Indian women regularly and with consistency. We are just as much predators as non-Indians. This is not just a non-Indian issue, this is an issue of a bunch of Indian men who are simply cowards. They will beat their wives and won’t defend the women of their own community against non-Indian offenders. What may be

termed “vigilante justice” in the non-Indian world can be considered traditional practice for some tribes in the Indian world. Many tribal societies have/had men’s groups which “adjusted” the attitudes of those men who engaged in abuse towards women. These societies are virtually non-existent these days.

Having been a solvent abuse counselor and long time educator in Indian country in both the US and Canada, I know firsthand the rate of offenses against Indian girls and women and who was perpetrating the crimes. 90%+ of those who I came in contact with were attacked by Indian men and most never reported the crimes. Indian men are living in a perpetual state of denial about the abuse of Indian women. Indian men needing to seek outside assistance to handle the issue of abuse against their own wives, sisters, nieces, grandmothers, aunts, and other female relatives is in complete contradiction to our roles as protectors and caring community members.

Let us end with another recent sound bite related to VAWA from Senator Cantwell in the North Kitsap Herald, “...basically strips the rights of Native American women and treats them like second-class citizens.”

I guess that makes the Indian women of the nation’s oldest reservations third class. The level reserved for those who have been completely abandoned by not only the outside world, but by their own.

I would like to apologize for those from my tribe and others like ours who attended the Indian boarding schools, for those who have been victims of domestic violence, for those who have endured generational racism from the outside world and now internalized racism from the rest of “federal” Indian Country. I am sorry we have been such an inconvenience.

Cedric Sunray is the project coordinator for the Haskell Endangered Legacy Project (H.E.L.P.).

Oklahomans to be present for signing of VAWA

TULSA, Oklahoma - Native American women, who are victims of domestic abuse, will soon have better protection under the law. President Barack Obama will sign a new law on Thursday, March 7, 2013 addressing crimes against women on Indian land ... the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Several Oklahomans will be there to watch it happen. It’s a new version of the VAWA, which gives tribes more authority to prosecute domestic abuse cases in their own courts, even if the attacker is not a member of the tribe. Victims say it’s a big victory. Alicia McLain’s story of

domestic abuse includes her attacker spending two years in prison, but she says many Native American women don’t get that justice. “A lot of these women, Native American, never got their day in court and some of them never will, because they eventually probably got killed,” McLain said. Shawn Partridge, with the family violence prevention program in the Creek Nation, flew out Wednesday for the ceremony. “It actually gives tools back to tribes to help hold non-natives accountable when they commit acts of violence against native women on

tribal lands,” Partridge said. That’s one reason the measure was opposed by Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn. “What we’ve done with this solution is to trample on the Bill of Rights over every American who is not a Native American,” Coburn said. McLain believes the law is fair, that it might stop some of the abuse and prevent some of the killings. “It’s a matter of equality, really, and we all deserve to be protected,” McLain said. The new law also extends new protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who are victims of domestic abuse.

Submitted article

Did you know ...

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention estimates nearly 31 percent of women and 26 percent of men will report being in a violent relationship in their lifetime, something the CDC categorizes as intimate partner violence.

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mestic violence screening and interventions for women in health care settings. They looked at whether the screenings

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self-reported either on paper or by computer, or through interviews conducted by clinicians.

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Submitted article

Health Education director updates her battle against cancer

Margie Edmonds Deer, Health Education Director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes reports that she is doing well after two years when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

My doctor at the Indian Health Service Physician says I am a miracle. I may not be working much longer, and I wanted to take this time thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes their support and prayers in my journey through this illness.

My first recollection of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people was from my grandmother, Bertha, who was born in the late 19th century. She was a Wichita medicine woman. Whenever we were sick, she would take out her roots and make a tea to doctor us. She spoke fondly of her friend “Old Lady Ribs” who was Cheyenne and Arapaho moccasin maker. My grandmother, Bertha, was a very spiritual woman who took out her tobacco at least once a day to have a conversation with her creator. She would sit out on the porch and have a conversation with her creator as if talking to one of her friends. I don’t recall her ever using her tobacco except to talk to the creator. My mother, Geneva, was Sahkona Bates who was the last chief of the Keechi tribe.

My father, Randlett Edmonds, was Caddo. The Caddo Nation came to Oklahoma from Louisiana and so much of their culture and traditional dances originated in Louisiana. Many of their dances are unique to the Caddo. They have an “alligator dance” and other dances that last through the night. The Caddo people are known for their “turkey” dance that is mostly a wo-

men’s dance. The women hop and skip to the beat of the drum and at certain times during the dance spread their wings out as if in a mating call. There were about 40 turkey dance songs, but unfortunately most of the songs are lost since the death of my father about a year ago.

Our family lived in Anadarko, Okla. until 1958 and moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where my parents found jobs. My father was lovingly known as “Frosty” at Haskell because he always said “Frosty Man Frosty” from the commercial for Frosty Root Beer. He often spoke dearly of a friend from Oklahoma whose last name was Buffalomeat and called her his buddy.

After graduating from Anadarko High School in 1958, I attended BYU in Provo, Utah and went to school with an Old Crow who was Cheyenne and Arapaho from Oklahoma. I moved from Utah to Los Angeles, Calif. and one of the White Skunk girls played on our girls’ basketball team, the LA Saints. Darrell Flyingman was also around Los Angeles at that time serving his country.

After moving back to Oklahoma, in the 1970s, I joined the bowling league and the Oklahoma City Indian Golf Club and met many good bowlers and excellent golfers from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. The White Skunks, Goodblanks, Birdsheds, and Levis were excellent at bowling or golf. Since working for the tribes I have become acquainted with many other wonderful Cheyenne and Arapaho people. Special friends are the Lumpmouths, Bigfoots, Condulles, Broke-shoulders, and Akeens. They are like my second family.

My life has been rich and full. In the 1980s, I made a commitment to turn my life around. I quit drinking and partying and was able to get a bachelor’s degree in business when I was 48 years of age and my master’s in public health after I turned 50. Soon after that, I came to work for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. A dream come true. I am happy to say that three of my four children are drug and alcohol free but my youngest daughter was shot and killed by an acquaintance of hers who was addicted to Meth. I could not save her from her fate. We all have our own crosses to bear. I ended up raising two of my daughter’s six children and want to report that all six of her children are doing well.

Many of the health problems we see today are preventable. Take responsibility for your own health. As I have gotten older, I appreciate my health more. There is nothing more important than a healthy body and mind. Take a look at your own life and see what you can do to be healthy. Parents, encourage your children to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Tobacco is one of the biggest problems that we have today as it is a “gateway drug” that can lead into other problems.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve the Native American people. I have so many things to be thankful for in spite of some of the tragedies in my life. I wanted to take this time to let you know that I appreciate the time I have spent here. It is so important that our families stay together, play together and pray together. Keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

Family searches for answers

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... I never saw him alive after that morning. I wish he were still in there just asleep. He never told me he was afraid of anyone following him, or being after him, but as I look back I see he had gotten a little clinging. When I would go to the store he would stop me and say, ‘where you going sister’ and I would say ‘I am just going to the store’ and he would give me a hug and a kiss and say ‘I love you’. I would say ‘I love you too Chaz’, and that was kind of odd for him. That started like a month or two before he died.”

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) has determined Chaz’s death to be a homicide, but are left with many unanswered questions and no arrests in the case.

“We have three or four leads we are currently pursuing,” Dannie Sanders, OSBI lead investigator said. “We have a tip line and every tip that is called in is analyzed by a group of analysts to determine their authenticity and they are automatically uploaded to the case for us to follow up on. We are asking for help from anyone who might know anything about Chaz’s death or saw anything to call us.”

Chaz was born Oct. 18, 1988 and given the Indian name, Tall Red Bird. He was the only child born to Mary Louis Bearshield and Garland Hadley. He attended elementary school in Clinton, Okla., and high school in Weatherford, Okla.

“Chaz loved to play video games with my sons, Gabriel and Ezekial Herrera. In the Cheyenne ways, with him actually being my nephew, when he was growing up after his mom passed away, he didn’t know his biological father and biological sister until he was about 14 and he was always telling me, you know Jen, my mom left me alone, cause my sister never had anymore kids after Chaz,” Jennifer said. “I would tell him no Chaz you’re not alone because you have all of us and I used to always tell him, you know when I have kids, in the Cheyenne way, they will be your brothers and sisters and so I did have my kids and that’s how he thought of them. They used to play video games and he would wrestle around with them. Just spend time with them and he had a big heart.”

Jennifer said the family had thought of calling the police to report Chaz missing when he did not return home after last seeing him on Oct. 15 but it wasn’t unusual for Chaz to go and stay with friends at their homes.

“We thought about calling the police after a couple days when he didn’t come home, but he was young, he had a lot of friends and a lot of his friend’s parents he called home and he would call them mom and he would go stay the night or several nights with them at a time, so I really just tried to push any bad thoughts about anything being wrong to the back of my head and I kept telling myself no he was going to come home. I never

thought that anything like that would happen to him,” Jennifer whispered through sobs. “His birthday was coming up on Oct. 18 and he had said he wanted Indian tacos, so I just kept thinking he would be home because he wouldn’t have missed his birthday party.”

But the day of Chaz’s birthday arrived and the birthday cake and Indian tacos sat untouched.

“Chaz had a cell phone and he always answered our texts or our calls and we were calling and texting all that day ... he never answered. We fixed Indian tacos and we had a big birthday cake and it just sat there, he never came home,” Linda Prairie Chief, Chaz’s mother said. “He was my baby ... when Mary Louise went to Job Corps she turned over custody of Chaz to me, but then she died when Chaz was 9. She was an asthmatic and when she would get scared she would hyper-ventilate and she would just stop breathing. She was only 26 when she died. It’s been so hard. I don’t have her and now I don’t even have him, who was a part of her.”

OSBI and the Oklahoma City medical examiner’s office ruled the cause of Chaz’s death to be multiple gunshot wounds, however, they were not able to determine the time of death, leaving Chaz’s family wondering if he ever saw his 24th birthday.

“Chaz was found two miles northwest of Clinton near Black Lake, but we don’t know if he was alive or dead on Oct. 18 for his birthday ... the last we saw Chaz was on Oct. 15,” Jennifer said, appearing exhausted from the tears. “He wanted to get his life together, he was at a crossroads in his life but I know he really just wanted a family of his own someday. He wanted kids and a family and now he will never have any of that. I want his murder to be recognized, there has not been enough media coverage, and I mean it’s been



Mary Louise Bearshield with her son Chazarae “Chaz” Bearshield. Mary Louise passed away at the age of 29, when Chaz was 9 years old.



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Jennifer Bearshield (l) and Linda Prairie Chief struggle to find answers in the murder case of Chazarae Bearshield. Jennifer wears a t-shirt created by Chaz’s friends after his death, to remind people they have not forgotten.

over four months now and no word on catching who did this. We haven’t forgotten, we will never forget and we will never give up until the person or people who did this are caught. There are rumors going around, but its all hearsay, all I want is the truth, I want to know for sure who did this. We have no closure; right now we are just, just no closure. It’s frustrating and a critical situation we are in right now.”

Jennifer recalled Chaz’s funeral and the many people who attended to say goodbye to Chaz.

“He had such a big heart, that he loved his friends and his family. There were over 300 people at his funeral; we ran out of food, there were so many. He had a lot of friends and people who cared about him and there are a lot of angry people out there who want to know who murdered Chaz ... who took his life away from him,” Jennifer said. “If anyone knows anything, if anyone saw anything, we are begging them to come forward, to help bring peace to this family ... we need to know, we need to know why ... we need to have closure.”

For any information about this case, please contact OSBI Jessica Brown at (800) 522-8017.

In Loving Memory of Chazarae Pete Bearshield by Jennifer Bearshield

Tears keep falling from my eyes, they won’t stop, my heart’s silent cries. I never though I’d see the day, when someone would knock on our door and tell us you had passed away.

You made me promise to never leave you; I should’ve made you promise me that too.



Chazarae “Chaz” Pete Bearshield was born Oct. 18, 1988. Chaz is pictured above at the age of 4.

You left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled; you can’t find anyone more real. We were blessed with you in our lives for almost 24 years. You left us with happy memories, laughter and tears. I close my eyes and I see your smile, I believe you’re an angel in heaven walking with your mother and Jesus on that long mile.

We will always remember you Chaz, all the good times we had. We will love you forever, forget we will never. We will meet once again, y brother, my best friend.

USDA announces investments in nutrition education for Native American families

WASHINGTON, March 7, 2012 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today joined tribal leaders from across the nation at the National Congress of American Indians to announce investments in positive nutrition education and physical activity habits that can lead to healthier lifestyles. The grants are funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and will provide nutrition education materials and resources for children and parents in tribal communities in nine states.

“USDA is committed to working with tribal communities to drive economic growth, create opportunities through business and agriculture, and to improve the health and well-being of native families,” Vilsack said. “These grants will help tribal communities promote healthy kids and healthy families by making sure they have access to nutritious food, education and the support they need to ensure healthy habits. With that winning combination we can help to reduce and prevent childhood obesity and ensure a stronger future for Indian country.”

Each year, Indian Tribal Organizations and state agencies that administer FDPIR can apply for funding to expand nutrition education efforts. USDA chose 17 applicants, located in California, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma,

South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Alaska to receive FY 2012 funding to develop nutrition education projects that incorporate Dietary Guidelines recommendations within the Native American culture.

Projects chosen this year include a recipe toolkit containing menus, shopping lists, and snack ideas featuring more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; nutrition education sessions held during scheduled food deliveries for participants in remote reservation areas; and community gardens to promote fruit and vegetable consumption.

USDA chose grantees that will make a real difference in tribal communities. For example, one of the grantees will create a community garden to promote increased consumption of fruit and vegetables, an important recommendation in the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Other projects include the development of a recipe toolkit that offers tasty menus and shopping tips, and nutrition education for Indian reservations located in remote areas.

The following is the list of grantees: Alaska Native Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alas., \$62,500 Hoopa Valley Food Distribution Program, Hoopa, Calif., \$52,804 Sherwood Valley Food Program, Willets,

Calif., \$36,711 Quechan Food Distribution Department ,Winterhaven, Calif., \$10,811 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minn., \$45,703 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy’s Reservation, Box Elder, Mont., \$85,805 Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, Mont., \$78,738 The Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Okla., \$115,021 Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution, Program Watonga, Okla., \$41,786 Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Wewoka, Okla., \$17,749 Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Indian Reservation, Zuni, N.M., \$18,489 Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Mountain Plains Nutrition Advisory Committee, Pine Ridge, S.D., \$45,000 Lummi Indian Business Council, Bellingham, Wash., \$79,931 South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, Shelton, Wash., \$41,108 Red Cliff Band of Chippewa Indians Food Distribution Program for the Midwest Nutrition Advisory Committee, Bayfield, Wis., \$93,907 Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Keshena, Wis., \$45,860 Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior

Chippewa Indians, Lac du Flambeau, Wis., \$39,950

FDPIR provides foods to low-income households living on Indian reservations and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near reservations or in Oklahoma. Many households participate in the FDPIR as an alternative to the Special Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps.

Since coming to USDA, at the direction of President Obama, Secretary Vilsack has made improving relations with Native American tribes a priority. He launched an Office of Tribal Relations within the Office of the Secretary and directed all USDA agencies to be thoughtful about tribal issues and to engage in tribal consultation and collaboration.

In 2010, USDA announced the settlement of the long-standing Keepseagle case to bring justice and some measure of relief to Native American farmers and ranchers.

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into an appropriations bill a clean Carcieri legislative fix to a controversial 2009 U.S. Supreme Court decision that limits the U.S. Department of the Interior’s ability to take lands into trust for tribes.

Inouye knew that gaming-related politics was holding up the passage of such a bill, which had already passed in the House in December 2010, so he tried to make it happen via his strong appropriations weight in the Senate. When some senators found out about his effort, they were angry with him, several Indian affairs experts recall, and he was ultimately forced to remove it.

Inouye was also always one to promote tribal unity during his public speaking events, saying that tribes should not battle each other if they wish to make progress with Congress.

To tribal leaders, the rededication was important for historical, cultural, and educational reasons, but Cantwell’s staff expressed some concern about the optics of the situation, and they did not want it publicized. Mary Pavel, new staff director for Sen. Cantwell, did not want members of the press to attend the rededication, as she felt it would be

inappropriate for press to cover a tribal ceremony in the Senate. Before the event, the Skokomish tribal citizen said she would have to cancel the meeting with tribal leaders if they wanted press to be there.

Cantwell’s spokesman, Jared Leopold, confirmed before the event that Cheyenne and Arapaho leaders would be “doing a small private ceremony...related to the headdress.”

Indian Country Today Media Network obtained pictures and insight on the ceremony from those who attended.

Also during their visit to Washington, Cheyenne and Arapaho leaders met with Kevin Washburn, the assistant secretary of Indian affairs at Interior.

A main point discussed both with Cantwell’s staff and with Washburn was the tribe’s desire for the return of lands that were taken decades ago for American military purposes and have never been returned.

The tribe has asked the Obama administration (and administrations before) for a remedy, and tribal leaders asked the president last year to return to the tribe the lands of the Ft. Reno Military Reservation, which tribal citizens consider to be their traditional and historic homelands.

“We ask that President Obama finally recognize what so many generations of our ancestors have been fighting for: our right to our tribal lands,” Boswell said in a tribal press release last year.

In testimony before the U.S. Commission on Trust Reform in June 2012, Boswell explained that Ft. Reno was taken, “129 years ago for our protection and with the promise that it would be returned. Many of our people are buried there. It is all that is left of over 100 million acres. It was never ceded, settled for, or otherwise given up.”

But the land was never returned, and the information had been kept classified from the tribe about the situation until 2005. Since then, there has been a renewed tribal effort to get the land back.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho people believe we can never be made whole until these sacred lands are returned,” Boswell testified.

It is long past time for the land to be returned, Whiteman said, and he hopes that the tribal representatives’ recent visit to Washington and ceremony for Inouye will ultimately help achieve that outcome.

Forged signatures for federal grant money

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D.C., which I have contacted and talked with officials in Washington by email.”

Board member, Grayson Calvert asked Weldon if there had been a deadline to submit the applications and if there had been a parent meeting held.

“The school held a parent meeting in April of last year regarding the Title VII grant monies for the school year 2012-2013 ... I am not sure of the specific date. I usually do not attend those meetings, but maybe I should have,” Weldon said. “Apparently there were not enough parents at the meeting to sign the document so she (former employee) signed a parent’s name. The money received and in question is \$16,444 and this money is spent on salaries.”

According to documents obtained by Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Executive Director of Education, Teresa Dorsett, this is the second year that forged documents were submitted to the education department in Washington, D.C. and more than one signature forged.

“To me, it’s a very serious offense, the forging of a federal document and I would like to point out that there is more than one signature forged and for two years in a row, not just one year, and as far as I know the superintendent is responsible for those federal grants and contracts,” Dorsett said. “I too called Washington as soon as we found out that these documents were forged. My initial thought was to work directly with the school ... I really did not want this to go this far, however, when you’re talking forgery of federal documents, I think a little bit more action is required.”

Dorsett said she requested minutes for parent meetings the school claimed they held in reference to Title VII funding.

“I requested minutes for the meetings you stated you held, but no parents showed up and there should be records of some minutes indicating that the meeting took place, event if no parents showed up, but I was told there were none. I do have a lot of information to share with the board and I will get to that when my times comes up on the agenda,” Dorsett said.

Parents expressed their concern after learning their signatures were forged to get federal money for the school district.

“My kids have been in this school for years and never once have I received a letter in the mail or sent home with my children about the Title VII meetings. None of the other parents that I have spoke to have ever received a letter either so how are we to go to a meeting that is supposed to be taking place,” Amanda Pawnee said.

Anna Rowlodge said she has five daughters, three that currently attend Calumet and two who have graduated from the school.

“I have not once been informed of any such meetings or attended a Title VII meeting here at Calumet,” Rowlodge stated to the board members. “On those documents my name was forged and I would like to know why it happened and see the person who signed my name be held accountable.”

Dorsett presented the board members with documentation showing proof of the forged documents.

“I would first like to give you a little bit of background of how this knowledge of the forged documents came about. Every year about this time our department goes out into the communities and we meet with our parents, the purpose is to empower our parents. We know, just as you do, parental participation is an issue and sometimes getting the parents involved can be a chore,” Dorsett said. “Prior to having our community meeting this year with Calumet we met with seven other communities. One of our staff members was put in charge of contacting the schools to get information to put in to our resource booklets for the parents. These booklets have information about their school and what Title VII is, so they will be educated about the grant, and, hopefully go to the Title VII meeting and be able to give their input. Once the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education department received documentation of Calumet schools Title VII applications, concern was raised when that staff member noticed the date was a couple of years old. My staff member contacted Calumet asking for the most recent Title VII application. Our department was told that your school did not have one. Later on in the day we received a document dated April 19, 2012, (Dorsett produced a document) and as you can see someone put on the document the same signatures as the other document. If you look closely you can see that there are three names that are spelled incorrectly. It did not take me and my



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Calumet Public School Superintendent, Keith Weldon, addresses the matter of forged signatures at the school board meeting held March 12 in Calumet, Okla.

department long to figure out that they were forged.”

Dorsett said that when her department held the parent community meeting for tribal parents in Calumet they found out the parents had no knowledge of how the Title VII funds were being spent for their children.

“The parents spoke of their concern about tutoring for their children and shared with my department that there is no tutoring available. The money that comes from Title VII Indian grant money should be used for tutoring, not teachers salaries,” Dorsett stated. “I for one do not take this issue lightly and would like to see the school handle this matter quickly and appropriately. To me, it’s a very serious offense, the forging of federal documents.”

Superintendent Weldon said Calumet Public Schools is in the process of correcting how the Title VII Indian education applications and funds are handled and indicated he felt no further repercussions should be brought against the former employee, now retired in this matter.

Native student group at Northwestern demands recognition

By Alysa Landry, Indian Country Today Media Network

A student group at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois, is petitioning school officials to start a Native American Studies program and recognize the violent history of John Evans, one of the university’s founders.

The Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance (NAISA) is claiming Evans was responsible for “the worst act of genocide in American history” and demanding that university officials recognize that Northwestern was built on “blood money.”

“It’s built on the genocide of Native Americans,” Heather Menefee, a 19-year-old sophomore and co-founder of NAISA said.

Although she is not Native, Menefee said she was outraged by the “lack of ethics” university officials exhibited when they were made aware of Evans’ role in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado.

Evans, governor of the Colorado Territory, set up the conditions for the massacre, where 133 Cheyenne and Arapaho people were killed, mostly women and children.

“This massacre was on a totally different level,” Gary Alan Fine, the John Evans professor of sociology at Northwestern said. “Evans was responsible for massacring people who were camped under a peace flag. Children were killed in front of their mothers. Mothers had their breasts cut off. There is a lot to be answered for.”

Evans issued a proclamation forcing all peaceful Indians in the region to report to the Sand Creek reservation or risk being attacked. A second proclamation invited white settlers to indiscriminately “kill and destroy all ... hostile Indians.”

More than 80 students and faculty members are affiliated with NAISA, which was started last year, but is not yet recognized by

the university.

In its petition, addressed to Northwestern University, the group demands four things: formal recognition of Evans’ responsibility for the Sand Creek Massacre, establishment of a Native American Studies program, construction of a memorial for those killed at Sand Creek, and creation of scholarship fund that would actively recruit Cheyenne and Arapaho students and admit two students from those tribes on full scholarships every year.

The group also wants to form a commission to investigate Evans’ and the university’s roles both in the massacre and in whitewashing history.

“This all started when we realized we had an obligation to tell the truth,” Menefee said. “We want the university to rethink its lack of ethics.”

Menefee and the group’s other co-founder, Adam Mendel, plan to shift their leadership roles to Native students once the university recognizes the alliance, hopefully this spring.

Forrest Bruce, a 19-year-old freshman and member of the Fond du Lac band of Ojibwe, will take over as one of the organizers.

Bruce, who is studying psychology and human development, said he didn’t know about Evans’ role in the Sand Creek Massacre until after he enrolled at the university.

“I was pretty disappointed,” Bruce said. “I wasn’t expecting to hear that kind of story. I’m glad to be part of something that is seeking to acknowledge that, to reconcile that.”

Although Bruce has no personal ties to



Photo courtesy of NAISA

Members of Northwestern University’s Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance stand in front of the John Evans Alumni Center. Pictured, from left, are Jacob Skaggs, Wilson Smith, and Heather Menefee.

the tribes affected in the massacre, he believes the steps listed in the petition – like the scholarship program for Cheyenne and Arapaho students will help make restitution.

“We are asking for things that can help,” Bruce said. “We want a Native American Studies program. We want Northwestern University to formally acknowledge the past and issue some form of an official apology. I also think if we started a Native American Studies program, that would attract a lot more Native students.”

Only 1 percent of Northwestern University’s 19,000 students is Native. There are no full-time Native professors, Doug Medin, a psychology professor and faculty advisor to NAISA said.

“With more than 40,000 Native people in the Chicago area and with quite a few tribes in Michigan and Wisconsin that we could be drawing from, it looks like a lack of effort on the school’s part,” Bruce said.

University officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The school celebrates Founder’s Day, which according to Fine has included activities to honor Evans in the past, on January 28. Fine expects the university to respond to the student petition and at least acknowledge the man Evans was on that day.

“Everyone has a rosy view of history,” he said. “Northwestern has a difficult past that it needs to remember and commemorate in specific ways.”

Current version of GED testing to expire at end of 2013

Submitted article

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal GED centers in western Oklahoma encourage all native adults to finish and pass before test deadlines

Concho, OK-Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ office of Adult Education announced that the current version of the GED test will expire at the end of 2013. The current version, known as the 2002 Series GED test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED test on Jan. 2, 2014.

Those who have taken the 2002 Series GED test, but did not pass all five parts, have until the end of 2013 to pass or they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED test in order to receive their high school credentials.

“The GED test opens doors to college, better jobs, the respect adults deserve, and the satisfaction of earning a high school credential,” Kathleen Tall Bear, director of education outreach and adult education said. “So we want to be sure that everyone is aware of this deadline. GED test-takers must act now to finish and pass before the current test expires.”

Melissa Hamilton, counselor of the Clinton Adult Education center said that support is available, right here within the tribe.

“We have three centers, one in Concho, Watonga, and Clinton, Okla.,” Hamilton said. “We can help any Native American adult who resides in the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area to get prepared to take the parts of the GED test they still need to pass. We want you to succeed.”

Interested GED test-takers can find more information at finishtheGED.com.

For more assistance with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, please contact the nearest center listed below. Counselors are ready to assist:

Clinton Adult Ed Center, 2100 Dog Patch Road, Clinton,Okla. inside the Housing Authority Building, Melissa Hamilton, Counselor (580) 331-2412

Concho Adult Ed Center, 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, Okla. next to Concho Community Hall, Wayne Runnels, Counselor (405) 201-6895. Watonga Adult Ed Center, 109 N. Noble, Watonga, south of Post Office, John WhiteEagle Jr., Counselor, (580) 623-2784

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Adult Education program will provide GED preparation, test and retest fees for Native Americans within the service area. Each applicant must submit a copy of official certification of Indian blood. Upon passing, a monetary incentive award is also provided. For those who live outside the service area, limited assistance is available for only Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members.

A few important tips you should know about testing assistance before the end of 2013.

The final Registration deadline for repeat GED test-takers is Nov. 15, 2013. Registration deadline for new GED test-takers is also Nov.15, 2013. Last day to take the current version of the GED test is Dec. 10, 2013.

All GED test-takers must have record of passing the Official GED Practice Test prior to registering for the official test. Practice tests are given weekly at local tribal GED centers.

“To anyone who has already started the GED test, your future is calling. By passing the GED test, you can answer that call,” Randy Trask, president and CEO of GED Testing Service said. “You owe it to yourself. Don’t miss the chance to turn one small step into your next big opportunity in life.”

For more information, please contact Kathleen Tall Bear at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Office of Adult Education Administration at (405) 274-2982 or by email at ktallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ annual graduation banquet set for May 8

The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho graduation banquet will be held May 8, 2013 at the Frisco Center, 101 S. 4th Street in Clinton, Okla. Graduates are asked to be there by 5:30 p.m. in order to have an individual photo and group photo taken prior to the banquet.

High school graduates will need to send a verification they have enough credit hours to graduate with their class in May 2013. A letter from the school registrar or their high school counselor will be accepted. The letter verifying graduation, a CDIB, and a Gaming application are the documents needed for the student to receive the \$150 incentive award for graduating from high school. Students, if we have not received a letter from your school and a Gaming application, then you will not be able to

receive an invitation to the banquet. Please send the documents in as soon as possible.

If you will graduate May 2013, a check will be prepared for you by the night of banquet, **as long as our office has received your information by April 22, 2013.**

Invitations will be mailed on Monday, April 22, 2013. If our office has received the listed documents then your name will be placed on the invitation list to the graduation banquet. The incentive award will then be given to you at the graduation banquet and/or mailed to out-of-state graduates not attending the banquet.

College graduates will need to send a degree evaluation and/or a letter from their advisor listing an anticipated date

of graduation and degree they will receive. College/University graduates will receive an incentive award after our office has received their official transcript with degree conferred on the transcript.

Students, if we have not received verification you will attain a degree, from your school advisor or registrar by April 22, 2013, then your name will not be listed on our graduation banquet agenda. Please send documentation verifying you will attain a degree by April 22, 2013 so your name can be listed on the graduation banquet agenda and receive an invitation to attend the banquet.

Each graduate will be allowed to bring two guests.

For more information contact Wanda Whiteman at (405) 422-7560.



Salmon Casserole

Made in the Microwave!

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

1 can (about 14 oz) pink salmon, drained	Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup uncooked macaroni	Mix macaroni, water and margarine in a microwave safe bowl. Cover loosely and microwave for 3 minutes.
1 cup water	Stir in milk and flour. Cover again and microwave 2 minutes. Add salmon and onion; microwave 2 minutes.
2 tablespoons margarine	Stir in cheese and peas, and microwave 1 minute.
1 small onion, chopped	Makes 6 servings.
2/3 cup evaporated milk	May require a few more minutes, adjust according to your microwave settings.
2 tablespoons flour	
1 cup shredded cheese	
1 cup low sodium canned peas, drained	





Graduation Dance for Tashina Kremeier
March 16, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 4 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. Special invitation to ImagiNatives/Traditional Storytellers/Flutists Matheson Hamilton and Albert Gray Eagle.
Tashina attained a BBA Degree (Bachelor of Business Administration) from The University of Central Oklahoma on Dec. 14, 2012
Sponsored by mother, Joan Candy-Fire, grandmother Wanda Whiteman, and family. Everyone welcomed to attend.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program 2013 Spring Fling
10 a.m. - 3 p.m., March 16, 2013 at the Roman Nose State Park in Watonga, Okla. All Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth PreK-6th grade are invited. For more information call (405) 422-7570 or (580) 331-2601.

Hammon Holiday Committee Benefit Dance
March 16, 2013 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper served at 5:30 p.m. Giveaways optional, donated raffle items appreciated. Proceeds to go towards Easter dinner, egg hunt and games. For more information contact Ruby Standingwater at (580) 214-0547 or James Miles at (580) 309-0940.

Honor Dance for 2012 Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City
March 16, 2013 at the Shawnee Expo Center in Shawnee, Okla. Contests, raffles, cake drawings. For more information call Shirley at (405) 632-5227 or email swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

The 2013 Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Indian Competition
6:30 p.m., March 16, 2013 at the Destiny Christian Center in Oklahoma City. Free admission, reception to follow. More information call Shirley at (405) 632-5227 or email swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Benefit Dance for Abigail Baker
March 16, 2013 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., dinner at 4 p.m. Abigail has been chosen to attend the People-to-People Leadership Ambassador Program in Washington, D.C. All proceeds will be donated for her tuition and travel expenses.

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Lucky Star Casino presents Trace Adkins
March 16, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. For tickets call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Youth Leadership Forum
3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 18, 2013 at the Magnuson Hotel-Meridian Convention Center, 737 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City, Okla. Please call to register for transportation at (405) 422-7570 or (580) 331-2601.

Oklahoma Indian Clinic’s TURTLE Camp
March 20-21, 2013 at the Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Teaching Urbans Roads to Lifestyle and Exercise (TURTLE) camp is a diabetes prevention program that offers two and three day camps for youth ages 6 through 17. For more information call Suzanne at (405) 948-4900 ext. 605 or Cynthia at (405) 948-4900 ext. 173.

Denver March Powwow
March 22-24, 2013 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. Dance and drum registration opens at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 22. For a schedule of events visit www.denver-marchpowwow.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Community Meeting
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. March 26, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla., special guest CATV personal, will discuss future plans for language, story telling and recording. For more information call Carol 405.422.7921 Language Outreach Program.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. annual Easter Egg Hunt
12 p.m. March 30, 2013 at the Concho Softball Fields in Concho, Okla., and Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activity Center in Clinton, Okla. Inviting all tribal youth and elders. Age divisions, 3 years and under, 4-6 years old, 7-10 years old, 11-14 years old, 15-18 years old and 55 years and over. For more information call (405) 422-7570 or (580) 331-2601.

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Native American Guns and Hoses-Emergency Services and Management Conference

March 20-21, 2013 at the Hyatt French Quarter in New Orleans, LA. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Indian Gaming Phoenix 2013 Tradeshow and Convention

March 24-27, 2013 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.indiangaming.com.

com.

The fourth annual Native American Health Care Conference and Native American Mental Health Symposium

March 25-26, 2013 at the Hyatt French Quarter in New Orlenas, LA. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 31st annual Protecting our Childre3n National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and

Neglect

April 7-10, 2013 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.nicwa.org.

Detecting and Preventing Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement in Tribal Organizations

April 15-16, 2013 at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Introduction to Case

Management in Indian Country

April 15-17, 2013 at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Records Retention and Destruction for Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Tribal Enterprises

March 26-27, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 14th annual Native American Music Awards (NAMMY)

May 10, 2013 at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY. For more information or to register call (212) 228-8300 or visit www.namalive.com.

The seventh annual National Native American Economic Development Conference

May 20-21, 2013 at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nev. Informa-

tion on managing and balancing debt, risk management, legal/IRS updates and financing for both gaming and non-gaming projects. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The sixth annual Energy Projects in India Country Conference

May 20-21, 2013 at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

E A T I N G

well for

DIABETES

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

March is National Heart Month

Eat Right, Your Way, Everyday

This year's theme helps us learn that we can eat the way we like and still stay healthy. You can still enjoy the foods you love by learning to eat them in moderation, cut back on portions, reducing fat and animal protein in your diet, lowering salt consumption, eating less processed foods and by incorporating fresh foods, whole grain products and by exercising.

This seems like a lot but by making one small change every couple of weeks adds up to improved health. Don't have time for exercise. Walk ten minutes three times a day, research shows moving even at ten minutes a time helps improve your cardiovascular system.

New research has come out regarding a plant based

diet, or the Mediterranean diet which includes a lot of olive oil, fruit, nuts, seeds vegetables, legumes and cereals, some fish and poultry and limited amounts of dairy products, red meat processed meats and sweets, the diet also includes moderate amounts of wine with meals. Moderate means one glass for women and two glasses for men.

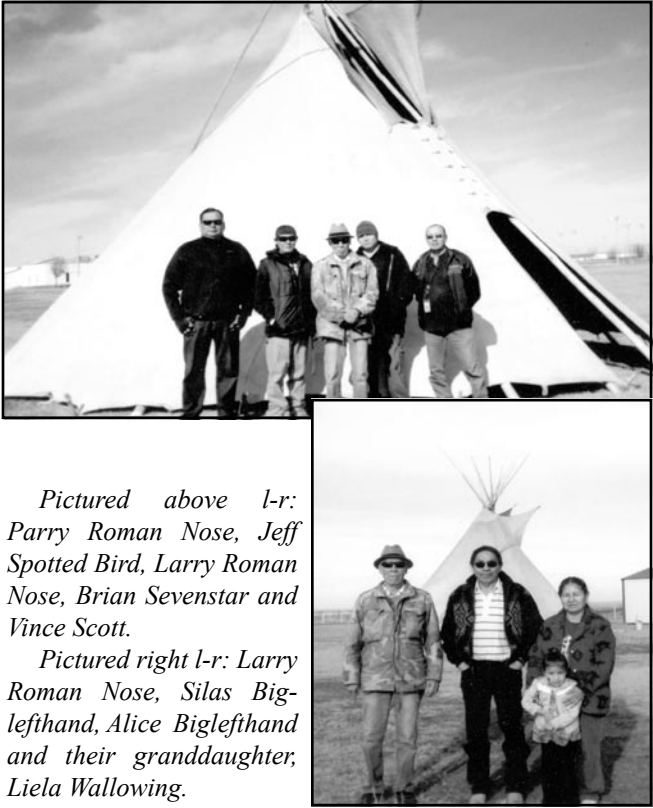
The 2010 Dietary Guidelines and My Plate stresses following that same plan.

By depriving yourself of the foods you love, you could set yourself up for failure, so remember don't give up the foods you love just eat smaller portions and eat them less often.

For more information contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27685.



eat right. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
National Nutrition Month® 2013



Pictured above l-r: Parry Roman Nose, Jeff Spotted Bird, Larry Roman Nose, Brian Sevenstar and Vince Scott.

Pictured right l-r: Larry Roman Nose, Silas Bigleft-hand, Alice Bigleft-hand and their granddaughter, Liela Wallowing.

A Cheyenne Cultural meeting was held on Feb. 8, 2013 at the Native American Church Building in Concho, Okla.

The meeting was an informative ceremonial meeting to discuss preservation of language and protocols concerning ceremonial related topics. Several ceremonial representatives and guests were in attendance.

Mr. Silas Bigleft-hand, Lama Deer, Montana of the Northern Cheyenne tribe was the guest speaker.

Future meetings will be announced. For more information call Culture and Heritage at (405) 422-7433.

We would like to thank the following for their support and assistance, Allen Roman Nose, Lucky Star Casino, Dale Hamilton, Culture and Heritage, and the many others who assisted, thank you.

Be A National Park Ranger Summer 2013

Apply for the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site is offering an extended professional development opportunity for educators from K-12 schools to learn about the resources and educational materials available through the National Park Service. The emphasis of the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher (TRT) program is to link national park units and teachers from schools with underserved student populations in urban and rural school districts. Teachers spend up to four weeks learning about the park. The actual number of days or weeks that the TRT is at

the park can be negotiated between the teacher and the park TRT coordinator. The assigned duties of this position include a park-based TRT project, teacher research, lesson plan development, and immersion experiences. TRTs can spend up to 30 percent of their time experiencing park operations, working with the public, and learning about the work of the different divisions within the park.

When TRTs return to their schools in the fall, they spend part of their classroom time presenting their TRT projects to their own students and wider educa-

tion audiences. These presentations can be connected to the National Park Service outreach during National Park Week in April, or at other times of the school year.

The teacher will be paid a stipend and issued TRT uniform shirts and hat. We invite all interested teachers to go online at www.nps.gov/waba for an application form or contact Kathryn Harrison, Education Coordinator, at (580) 497-2742 for further information. The deadline for submitting the application is April 5, 2013.

Watonga Indian Health Center Dental Department scheduling for March and April

The Watonga Indian Health Center would like to remind patients that the Dental department's regular office hours are Monday- Friday and they are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Dental department provides a wide array of dental services to meet your needs.

Patients are reminded that it is always best to schedule an appointment, but that walk-ins will be accepted and are seen in between scheduled appointments.

If you have an appointment and need to cancel or reschedule, 48 hours advance notice is appreciated. Notifying us in advance allows us to re-use that time slot for other patients who are waiting for appointments.

During the month of March and April, the Watonga Dental clinic will have no dentist on March 28, April 1-4, 2013. Dr. Amaya will cover on Friday March 29, and Dr. Wilson will cover on Friday April 5.

There will be a dental assistant

available to help you schedule an appointment or answer any questions you may have. During this time, patients may seek services at the El Reno Indian Health Center or Clinton Indian Health Center dental clinics or request to be seen in the Medical Clinic if they are experiencing severe pain or discomfort.

As always, the mission of the Clinton Service Unit is to promote a culture that supports and develops caring, compassionate and competent healthcare.



Powwows & Events CALENDAR

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Memorial Gospel Singing in Loving Memory of Charmaine D. Yellow Eyes

2 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. March 30, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Charmaine is the late daughter of Carol Whiteskunk and Lamont Yellow Eyes and sister of Felicia Yellow Eyes. Paternal grandparents, Doris and Walter Hamilton of El Reno, Okla. and late maternal grandparents, Edward and Mary Whiteskunk.

Everyone invited to attend. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by family and friends. For more information contact Carol at (580) 774-8756 or Felicia at (918) 901-5522.

Oklahoma Indian Nations Easter Dance

March 30, 2013 at the Darlington School gym in El Reno, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with Gourd dance to follow. Special guests, Coach Mike Pierson and the 7th and 8th grade boys and girls 2013 O.R.E.S. State basketball champions. For more information call (405) 422-7546.

Memorial Dance for Cheyenne Chief Jerome Howlingwater (Big Knife) Sr.

April 6, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. and War Dance at 7 p.m. Co-hosted by the Hoffman family and the CIVA Hammon Redmoon Service Club. All princesses are invited.

Lucky Star Casino presents Nelly

April 6, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. For tickets call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The Chilocco Indian School Alumni Reunion and Powwow

May 30 - June 2, 2013 at the First Council Casino Event Center and Chilocco Campus in Newkirk, Okla. For more information contact Jerry Hogner at (918) 437-3509 or Marie Jenkins at (580) 716-5326.

The 2013 Arapaho Sundance ceremonies

Rabbit Lodge, June 24, 2013 in Ethete, Wyoming. Offering Lodge, June 27. For more information contact Fred Mosqueda at (580) 623-7325.

Executive Office

Governor Janice Prairie Chief Boswell

Lt. Governor Amber Bighorse

NOTICE OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

“COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNITIES”

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

March 28 Concho Community Center Concho, Okla.

April 11 OKC-Penn Avenue Church Oklahoma City

Youth Leadership Forum

Inviting Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Youth!

Monday, March 18, 2013

Magnuson Hotel-Meridian Convention Center

737 S. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City

3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

7th-12th Grade Students

One Chance Leadership

Chief Swagg

MC One

College & Career Fair

Hip Hop Dance

Transportation Schedule

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION

For more information contact the R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Program at (405) 422-7570 or (580) 331-2601

Clinton Shell

Geary North Store

Hammorn Comm Bldg

Clinton Homeland

Watonga Food Dist

Thomas Terrier Express

11:30 pm

1:30 pm

11:30 am

12:30 pm

1:00 pm

12:30 pm

Clinton Shell

El Reno Walmart

Elk City Love's

Kingfisher Walmart

Wyford OH Homeland

12:00 pm

2:00 pm

11:45 am

1:30 pm

1:00 pm

12:00 pm

Healthy Bites Cooking Class

Everyone is welcome to join this FREE cooking class on heart healthy eating habits and cooking techniques. We will give nutrition and wellness information as we have fun preparing a meal. Learn how to enjoy your favorite foods as you work towards a healthier you!

Clinton Tuesday, March 19th Noon — 1:00 p.m. Clinton Indian Health Center- Large Conference Room

Concho Wednesday, March 20th Noon — 1:00 p.m. Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Native American Church

For Questions, please contact: Kristie Purdy (580) 331-3458

NATIVE YOUTH PREVENTING DIABETES NYPD 2013 JUNE 10-14, 2013

Native Youth Preventing Diabetes 2013

5 Days/4 Nights of outdoor activities, Native American cultural activities and healthy Fun!!

REGISTER BY MAY 10, 2013 Call Tara Conway (405) 422-7685

CALLING ALL 7th – 12th Grade Cheyenne and Arapaho Students

SAVE THE DATE

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes 2013 Youth Empowerment Conference June 11-14, 2013 SWOSU Weatherford, OK

Applications will be available Mar 15, 2013

DREAM * BELIEVE* ACHIEVE

Department of Education STUDENT CREED

I am a member of Tsistsistas-Hinonoei.

The Creator has granted me the spirit of freedom to explore, the soul to believe that any dream is possible, and the ability to successfully achieve whatever I choose.

I will uphold the pride, honor, culture, and traditions of my ancestors.

I will embrace education for my people, my family, and myself.

I will nourish my mind, my body, and my soul with all that is Good,

I will respect all that surrounds me,

For I know that I am free to Dream, Believe, and Achieve.

All Cheyenne and Arapaho 7th-12th grade students are encouraged to memorize prior to the Youth Empowerment Conference.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday
Bradley Benjamin
Blackwolf
Love you and so proud
of you, mom



Auntie Dena
March 2
You turn another year
older this year, but you are
still very young at heart.
Thank you for the times
you have been there for
me in my life.
Love now and always,
your niece- Nadena Grant
Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday!

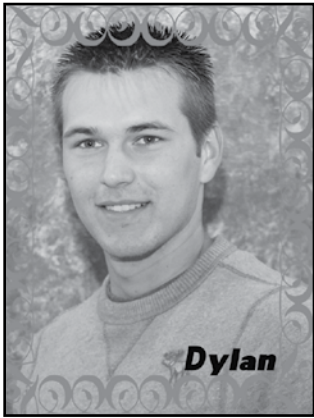
Happy Birthday to my
unk in Wyoming
Melvin R. Osage
March 10
Love you and miss
you, your niece,
M. Osage

Nicole Harris recently graduated from Texas A & M with honors. She received a Bachelor of Science degree and was a member of the distinguished Corp of Cadets. Nicole is a member of the Phi Eta Sigmas National Honors Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Commandant's Honor roll and received the Texas A & M award for Leadership and Success.

Nicole also mentored freshmen thru the "Aggie Access" program to help them adapt to college. She is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and currently resides in San Antonio, Texas. Her mother,



Happy Birthday
Brian Scott Blackwolf
I love you son ... even
though your in Houston,
just know across the miles,
I miss you everyday and
I am very proud of you.
Love your mother Danielle



Happy 21st Birthday
Dylan Gilbert!
You are such a great son
and we love you very
much! Hope you have
the greatest day ever and
many more! Love mom,
Eddie and the girls

Happy Birthday

To my
sisters
Kerrie
and Kellie
Blackwolf
Your sis,
Danielle



Adrianna Della (Gould) Harris graduated as Valedictorian from Canton High School in 1972. Her grandmother, Daisy (Gould) Green still resides in Canton. We are pleased that members of our tribe continue to excel academically and in life.

Congratulations

Garrison Mauritz



On Saturday Feb. 23, 2013, Garrison Mauritz, son of Julia Blackowl and stepson of Donnie Blackowl, participated along with his team mates from Solid MMA Cobra-BJJ School in a tournament held at the Expo Square in Tulsa, Okla. The North American Grappling Association (NAGA) sanctioned the tournament.

Garrison placed second in his weight and age division, in the No Gi competition but later won the Gi competition. Garrison is a seventh grader at Yukon Middle school.

Solid MMA is Native American owned and operated by Eric and Tamera Benton in Oklahoma City.



Carmen Jean Gray (C.J.)
Mar 30
Valentine queen of
Kenneth Cooper Middle
School Feb. 14, 2004 in
Oklahoma City.
You made your family,
relatives and friends very
proud of you that day. We
love you! We want to wish
you a Happy Birthday and
hope you have many many
more. God bless and watch
over you, always.
Love your family,
Jeffery, dad (Cecil), mom
(Carmen), Jinxie, Hauli,
Isha, Mikey, Lacey,
baby Breanna, Emily,
grandma Beulah, great
grandparents, the late
Leonard and
Abbie Yellow Eagle.

Happy Birthday

Horace Joe
March 19
No matter
what keep
your head
up!



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my
sister, cousin and friend ...
thanks for being there!
Fiona Dawn
March 19
May Ma'heo keep and
bless you both.
Much love and respect
your sis, M. Osage

Breanna LeAnn Gray

Born on Sept. 25, 2012



weighing 8 pounds,
4 ounces and
21 ¼ inches long.
The proud parents
are Michael and
Lacey Gray.
The paternal
grandparents are
Cecil Gray and
Carmen Yellow
Eagle Gray, and
the maternal
grandparents
are Wesley
Montemayor and
Wendy Dunson.

The great grandparenst are Lyman and Beulah Penn and the great-great grandparents Leonard and Abbie Yellow Eagle. She is Cheyenne, Kiowa and Creek



Glory Violet Gray
Born on Feb. 10, 2013

Weighing 9 lbs, 3 ounces and 21.5 inches long.

The proud parents are Cecil and Hauli Gray.

The paternal grandparents are Cecil Gray and Carmen Yellow Eagle Gray and the maternal grandparents are Gordon and Lois Warrior of Tonkawa.

The great grandparents are Lyman and Beulah Penn and the great-great grandparents are Leonard and Abbie Yellow Eagle. She is Cheyenne, Kiowa and Ponca



Happy 5th Birthday
Hazel Ruby Gaines
March 17
Mommy and Harper love's
you to the moon and back



Happy Birthday Little
On March 17, 2000 the
Lord sent our family an
angel to care for. We are
very blessed to have you
in our lives.
Love you now and always
grandma, momma, auntie
Remus, uncle Fred, auntie
Macy, Lauren, Kenzi, and
Penny Bo, uncle Bill

Happy Birthday

Angie Lime
March 31
I hope you have a
very wonderful and
happy day!
Love Carol
Standingwater

Happy Birthday to
my nephew Joe Ryan
Blackwolf

Just always
remember
that I love
you, auntie
Danielle



Happy Birthday to my
daddy, Donald Gene
Blackwolf
God bless you and thank
you for always being there
for me in my sobriety.
Love you



Happy 3rd Birthday
to our sweet
Kyelan Lane Stephens
Your bright smile lights up
our hearts with love.
Your bubbly and witty
personality keeps up in
tears laughing.
You are so special to all of
us and we love you Kye,
with all our hearts.
Missing you everyday.
Papa, ganma and all your
family in Oklahoma!

Happy Birthday

Tony K. Reynolds
I love you so much
and I do not know
what I would do with-
out you!
Love you,
Carol
Standing-
water



In loving memory

To our mom
Leta Joyce Limpy-
Waters
We love and miss
you, Tara, Tia, Tracy,
Joe Kiah and all your
grandkids

Sidney Thomas

March 15, 1957
April 3, 1997

Every year as this time
approaches, all I do is fight
back tears. You always
loved the Spring time, the
beginning of everything
new, you used to say, until
that one day you couldn't
see the beginning of
everything new because
of the deep sadness, the
darkness you were in –
no one knew.
I never told you I wanted
to do everything you did,
because I wanted to be just
like you.
And I never did tell you all
the things I felt, like how
much I really did love you.
There's no one who will
ever replace you, my
brother, my friend, the one
I looked up to.
I wish we could go back
and start over again, but I



Happy 4th Birthday
Amariss Kayleeanna 'mare
mare'
you bring so much joy to
me. Love auntie Anna



Happy 5th Birthday
Sydnee Marie!
How fast you are growing
... reminding us so much
of your mama when she
was your age!
We love you and cherish
every moment we get to
spend with you!
Love auntie Rosemary,
uncle Roger and all your
family!

Happy Birthday

Nephew Chris RedNose
Love you, auntie Danielle





I want to tell my mother
Betty Lou Red Buffalo
White
That I love her with all my
heart and hope to see her
on her birthday ... if not
momma, may you have
a blessed day and many,
many more.
Your daughter, Danielle



In Loving Memory



know that's not real and my
journey of living
isn't at an end.
When you think of me,
while your up in heaven,
think of how much you
meant to me.
It's so very sad the way you
left, without a goodbye, but
just remember
we all love you
as you continue to fly with
angel wings.
I will never forget and I
will see you again.
All my love, your sister
Rosemary

J O B S

find your Career

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license and CDIB to:
Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org.



Systems Support Technician
Communications/IT
Closing Date:
March 21, 2013

Qualifications:
Associates degree in IS or a related field, or any equivalent combination of experience, education and training which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities. Two years experience as an IT Technician or related field. A+ or MCP desired. Cheyenne and Arapaho preferences.

SALARY: Negotiable

Teachers-Head Start
Canton, Concho, Clinton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:
CDA, AA, BA Degree in Early Childhood education and a minimum of two years experience working in an early childhood education classroom or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Early childhood education formal training and able to receive a CDA or an AA degree within 180 days of employment. Must pass drug and alcohol test. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS Criminal Review Application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Custodian – On call
Watonga Multi-Purpose Center
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:
Performs daily cleaning tasks, set up tables and chairs for scheduled meetings and monitors events, as well as other duties assigned; related to all the Community Halls. High school diploma or GED. One year's experience in custodial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Experience may substitute for education. Ability to follow oral and written directions. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference

SALARY: Negotiable

Tribal Youth Counselor
Canton, Okla.
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:
BA in Education, Social Work, or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience working with tribal youth, alcohol or drug prevention, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Must possess a current Okla. driver's license and have a clean driving record. Pass an OSBI background check and drug test. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Negotiable


Looking for family members of Eugene (Chips) MedicineChips
Please contact (562) 832-7568 Christina Medina.

Content Producer/Writer
Videographer/Reporter
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. Minimum three years experience writing, producing and shooting news stories. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Willingness to travel and work nights and weekends, if necessary. A great attitude and good work ethics a must. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Videographer/Editor
CATV
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. Minimum two years experience shooting and editing. Valid Oklahoma driver's license required. Willingness to travel and work nights and weekends. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Wellness Technician (Concho)
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:
Must have at least one year of experience working sports, recreational field. Knowledge to the tribal member's culture, heritage and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/first aid certificate required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to perform professionally and culturally appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference

SALARY: Negotiable

Teacher-Child Care
Concho Child Develop.
Closing Date: Continous

Qualifications:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must sign employee contract stating employee will attain CDA or Mastery Certification to maintain employment. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a physical exam and be able to lift 50lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops and have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Substitute Teacher Aides-
Head Start
Concho, Clinton, Canton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS Criminal Review Application. Must pass background Investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Full Time CHR Van Driver
C-A Service Area
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:
Valid Oklahoma driver's license and current driving record from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Obtain a current CPR certification. Must reside in or near service area. Must pass physical examination and be in good physical condition. TB Skin Test Required. High School diploma or GED certification required. Satisfy an OSBI Background Check. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Cannot have a history of chemical abuse. Must attend training and continuing education requirements. Must be able to communicate effectively with different personalities. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSING

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal offices will be closed Monday, April 1, 2013 in observance of the Easter Holiday.

Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 8 a.m.


I would love to hear from any one of the United Tribes for Christ ministers:
Rev. J. Swallow
Rev. D. Whitecrow
Rev. R. Wolf
Sister Robin H.
Sister Mary F.
I miss everyone and look forward to hearing from you. In Christ

Jimey McGirt#178480
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Helena, OK 73741-1017





Obituaries



John Greany
Jan. 26, 1946-Feb. 23, 2013

Funeral services were held for John Greany on March 1, 2013 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in El Reno, Okla.

An all-night wake service was held Feb. 28, 2013 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.



Imogene Howling Buffalo
Aug. 17, 1948-March 6, 2013

Funeral services were held for Imogene Howling Buffalo on March 11, 2013 at the Hammon High School Auditorium in Hammon, Okla.

An all night wake service was held on March 10, 2013 at the Hammon Community Hall in Hammon, Okla.



Graciela Felicia Uribe
Nov. 28, 1996-Feb. 26, 2013

Funeral services were held for Graciela Felicia Uribe on March 4, 2013 at the Santa Maria Virgen Iglesia Episcopal in Oklahoma City.

An all night wake service was held for Graciela Felicia Uribe on March 10, 2013 at the Santa Maria Virgen Iglesia Episcopal in Oklahoma City.



Martin D. White Eagle Sr.

Feb. 22, 1971-March 2, 2013

Marlin Delane WhiteEagle, Sr. was born Feb. 22, 1971 at Lawton, Okla. to John David WhiteEagle, Sr. and Christine Larney. He departed this life on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 3:20 p.m. at Lawton, Okla.. Marlin lived most of his life in Anadarko, Okla. and attended grade school at Concho Indian Boarding School and Riverside Indian School. He liked fishing, watching OU football and listening to Thunder basketball. He enjoyed life with his family and grandkids. Marlin is remembered as a loving and very caring person. He will be missed by his loving companion, Pamela Redhat; his eight children, Nick, Marlin Jr., Jacob, Thomas Ray, Martina, Tashina, Sonya and Tanee-sha; his six grandchildren, Evan, Alberta, Markus, Miya, Zenira, Avery and soon to be grandson Marlin; his mother, Christine Larney; three brothers, George WhiteEagle, Sr., Christopher WhiteEagle and John David WhiteEagle, Jr; also many nieces, nephews and friends; He was preceded in death by two brothers, grandparents Chris and Pearl Oliver and Elmer and Minerva WhiteEagle; A traditional wake service was held on March 5, 2013 at the Cheyenne and Arap-



aho Gymnasium in Canton. Funeral services were held on March 6, 2013 at the same venue with Rev. George Akeen, Jr., Dr. Richard Kahoe and Diana Russell officiating. Interment will follow in Cantonment Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home, Canton. Condolences may be made online at www.haiglerpierce.com.



Minoma Redhat Koshiway

Feb. 14, 2013-Oct 22, 1959

A traditional all-night wake service for Minoma Redhat Koshiway, 53, of Oklahoma City, OK was held on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 at the Redhat residence south of Longdale, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Feb.18, 2013 at the Canton Cheyenne and Arapaho Gymnasium with Reverend Gerald Panana officiating. Interment followed in Canton Reinterment (Chiefs) Cemetery near Canton lake. Minoma Redhat Koshiway passed away on Feb. 14, 2013 peacefully in her sleep at her home in Oklahoma City. She was born on October 22, 1959 to Emma Curtis Redhat and the late Arrow Keeper William Wayne Redhat, Sr. She grew up in Longdale, Okla. most of her life. She attended Longdale Schools and Chilocco Indian Schools. She worked as a



certified nursing assistant in Okeene and Fairview, Okla. until 2002, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She moved to Oklahoma City in 2002 to be closer to her dialysis unit. She was well respected for her beadwork. She was loved greatly by her six children and sixteen grandchildren. She enjoyed her beadwork, going to bingo and playing Bingo Nights. She loved all her grandbabies no matter how loud they got. Minoma was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Jerome Lynn Koshiway, Sr.; her grandparents, the late Arrow Keeper Edward Redhat and Minnie Whiteface Bull Redhat; her father, Arrow Keeper William Wayne Redhat, Sr.; sister Marilyn Redhat; and a nephew, Christopher Wayne Redhat;

She is survived by her children, Sarah Old Bear, Sarena, Jeri, Anthony, Russell and Jerome, Jr. all of Oklahoma City, OK; sixteen grandchildren; her mother, Emma Curtis Redhat of Longdale, OK; five brothers, William Wayne Redhat, Jr., Luther Redhat, Edward Redhat, Albert Redhat, Sr. and Steven Redhat, Sr.; five sisters, Eva Bigmedicine, Zola Old Bear, Patricia Whiteeagle, Pamela Redhat and MaryWhitehat; Condolences may be made online at www.haiglerpierce.com.



CORRECTION
In the March 1, 2013 issue we incorrectly listed Allen Sutton as a Cheyenne Chief. The correct information is as follows: Arapaho Chief, Allen Sutton presented Willie Nelson with a ceremonial pipe during Nelson's first visit in 2011. Pictured l-r: Chief Allen Sutton, Freddie Ramirez, Lucky Star Casino, Willie Nelson and Allen Roman Nose, Lucky Star Casino.



Pictured l-r: Pre-K student, Baylor Pearson as Thing 1, Library Media Specialist, Wanda Martin as Cat in the Hat and Pre-K student, Miah Pointer as Thing 2.

Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat with Thing 1 and Thing 2 visits Darlington School in honor of Read Across America, a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

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SOMMER HARRINGTON
Pettitioner
vs.
TIMOTHY COOLEY
Respondent
Case No: CIV-2013-0023

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: TIMOTHY COOLEY

You are hereby notified that SOMMER HARRINGTON has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, J.B., minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of APRIL, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.
Dated this 8th day of March, 2013.

Plaintiff:
SOMMER HARRINGTON

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SUSIE BLACKBEAR
Plaintiff
vs.
ROBERT ANDERSON
Defendant
Case No: CIV-2013-0025

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ROBERT ANDERSON

You are hereby notified that SUSIE BLACKBEAR has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, AALIYANA TSO BLACKBEAR, a minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 22th day of MARCH, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.
Dated this 8th day of MARCH, 2013.

Plaintiff:
Susie Blackbear
121 South K Ave #17
El Reno, Ok 73036

Oklahoma tribes’ gaming revenue up 7.7 percent

By Staff Reports

OKLAHOMA CITY – According to a California economist’s report released on Feb. 27, 2013 Oklahoma Indian gaming tribes produced nearly \$3.48 billion in revenues in 2011 an increase of 7.7 percent over 2010’s \$3.23 billion.

The 7.7 percent more than doubles the 3.4 percent national Indian gaming growth rate, according to the 2013 Casino City’s Indian Gaming Industry Report by economist Alan Meister, of Nathan Associates Inc.

Gaming tribes in Oklahoma also created about \$49.4 million in nongaming revenue from sources such as beverages, food, shopping, lodging and entertainment at gaming facilities in 2011, a 7.9 percent increase over 2010, the report states.

Despite the rise in revenue from gaming tribes in Oklahoma, the state received less money from tribal compact fees. In 2011, the state garnered \$121.7 million, which was down from \$122.7 million in 2010, state officials said.

The report states the reason for the drop in compact fees was because Oklahoma gaming tribes decreased the percentage of compacted nonhouse-banked table games such as poker, as well as the percentage of Class III games. It also states Oklahoma tribes increased the number of Class II games, which do not require compact fees.

According to the report,



gaming tribes in Oklahoma increased the percentages of Class III games from 2005-08 as the National Indian Gaming Commission tightened Class II game limitations, making them less like Class III games. However, in 2008 the NIGC withdrew those limitations, which led to a decline of Class III games, dropping to 60 percent in 2011.

In 2012, however, Oklahoma gaming tribes paid more to the state as compact fees rose to nearly \$127.8 million. State officials said this was due to more casinos operating more total games rather than more Class III

games being installed.

According to the report, Indian gaming generated about \$27.43 billion nationally in 2011, a three percent increase over 2010’s total. The revenue increase is the second in as many years following a first-ever drop in Indian casino revenue in 2009 as the worst recession in decades took its toll on consumer spending. The back-to-back increases in revenue are encouraging, the report said.

“The question is how much further can Indian gaming grow?” Alan Meister, author said.

“The outlook for Indi-

an gambling now appears healthy because the economy is expected to continue improving, restoring consumer spending.”

Meister said. In addition, many tribes are upgrading, expanding and replacing casinos.

The report states that nationally 242 tribes operated more than 7,700 table games and 341,000 gaming machines in 460 gaming facilities in 28 states. Those tribes also provided approximately \$12.3 billion in wages and 339,000 jobs, the report states. It added that tribal casinos nationally paid approximately \$1.4

billion to nontribal governments.

“But the long-term outlook for Indian gambling is uncertain,” Meister said.

Potential threats include continuing legal challenges, such as a land dispute court case in Michigan that Meister said increases the likelihood of other legal challenges to gambling projects and state regulations that restrict Indian casinos and limit expansion.

“Indian casinos face a lot more restrictions than their commercial counterparts,” he said.

“That, in some ways, holds back Indian gaming

from what it could potentially be. Other potential challenges include increasingly saturated markets, rising competition and Internet gambling.”

Indian gambling generated about 43 percent of U.S. casino gambling revenue in 2011, the report states. Revenue at commercial casinos was 45 percent and revenue from racinos – casinos that operate at race tracks – accounted for the remaining 12 percent. That’s unchanged from 2010, but represents a huge gain from the Indian casino share of less than 20 percent in 1993.

Both Indian and commercial casinos could lose business to racinos, he said. State approval of gambling is easier at race tracks where betting already occurs than establishing new casinos, Meister said.

Revenue growth varied from as much as 26 percent in Alabama to minus 3 percent in New York. After Alabama, the fastest-growing states were Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina and Oklahoma.

The top five states, Washington, Florida, Connecticut, California and Oklahoma accounted for about 61 percent of total gambling revenue.

“Ironically, the weak economy has helped spur casino growth among states seeking more revenue,” Meister said.

For more information, visit www.casinocitypress.com.

Red Earth Run 2013

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members participate in the Red Earth Run 5k and 1 mile run despite cold temperatures along with wind and rain on March 9, 2013 at the Wheeler Park in Oklahoma City.

Sage Lamebull took home two medallions for placing 1st in men’s overall and 1st in the men’s age group 16-19. Celo Keith placed 2nd in men’s age group 16-19 and 3rd in overall also Kendall Charley took 4th for overall and 3rd place in the same men’s group. The men’s age group 13-15, Thomas Lamebull place 3rd.

Sonya Tiger landed 1st place for women’s overall and 1st in the women’s age group 35-39. Sydney Keith placed 3rd in the women’s overall and 1st in her age group 16-19. Shayla Smoker took 1st place in the women’s age group 13-15 and Rachelle Roman Nose, 3rd in the same age group. Stephanie Roman Nose placed 3rd in the women’s age group 30-34.

For more information on the Red Earth Run results visit www.dgroadracing.com and click on 2013 Events.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Jamie Gibson-Thomas High School

At 16 years old, junior Jamie Gibson is taking her place as an outstanding student and athlete for Thomas High School.

She plays forward on the school's basketball team, short-stop and pitcher for the softball team and finds the energy to be a sprinter for the school's track team.

"My parents LaTisha and Calvin Gibson played sports their whole life, so they put me into sports when I was little. I was always around sports growing up. My dad played on a men's fastpitch softball team ... I looked up to him so I that's why I play softball," Gibson said with a smile.

Gibson said her biggest accomplishment was being part of her basketball team making it to the state championships for the past three years.

"I practice a lot with both my parents. My dad and I go to the fields and I pitch to him. We also go to the gym and my parents and I shoot a lot and they will throw passes to me and make me drive a lot since I am shorter than the rest of the girls I play against," Gibson laughed.

Gibson shared some of her challenges and how she manages them.

"I know I can always do better on my school work, such as, if I make a 90 on a paper I will push myself to make a 95 the next



time. If I am struggling on a subject, I just push myself to study more and pay attention in class," Gibson said. "Staying in shape is a challenge, but I make myself run hard, since I am a sprinter on our track team. I have to stay strong for all the sports that I play and I find that running keeps me in shape."

The Thomas 2A girls' basketball team played in the Oklahoma State basketball tournament quar-

terfinals in West Moore, Okla. on March 7, 2013 against Fairview.

The best advice Gibson said she has ever been given was from her mom.

"Never give up,"



Gibson said as her voice faltered with tears. "My mom has been through a lot and she is probably one of the strongest people I know. She went through some difficult times, but when she found God her life got better and so is our relationship. I am looking forward to this summer, when my mom and I go on a missionary trip with our church to an Indian reservation, somewhere in Montana or Missouri ... I don't remember which one. We will get to spend good time together."

Gibson said her plans after high school are to attend a college on an athletic scholarship.

"I don't know which college yet since I am only a junior, but I will know by next year," Gibson said.

Darlington takes state

Submitted article

The Darlington 7th and 8th grade girls and boys basketball teams won O.R.E.S. State Championship in Division II on Feb. 23, 2013 at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla.

The Lady Chiefs faced Justice in the championship game; the girls defeated Justice in the area championship game a week prior to the state game. At halftime the two teams were tied, after half the Lady Chiefs began to take over the game, allowing Justice lady basketball team seven shots in the second half. The Lady Chiefs won the game with a final score of 41-31.

Lady Chiefs were honored after the game, Rachelle Roman Nose and Zhoonie Sherman, All-tournament and Arianne Slinky was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament. This was the second consecutive year the Lady Chiefs have won the state title, winning the Division III State Championship in 2012.

The boys' basketball team lost to Justice in the area championship game a week prior the state championship games. The Chiefs had to face Crutch in the area consolation championship on Feb. 16, 2013 winning with a final score of 51-50.

The quarterfinals of state had the boys facing Brushy, the game went back and forth with four seconds left in the game and the Chiefs down 44-47 when time was called. Taie Shockley in bounded the ball to Warren Williams and Williams found Jarred through the bucket. Darlington tied the game 47-47, the Chiefs would take over in overtime and won the game with a score 54-50. The Chiefs went on to the semifinals at the O.R.E.S. State



Pictured l-r: Bottom row: Angela Spottedwolf, Mackenzy Williams, Shelby Wehmuller, Mary Elledge, Rachelle Roman-Nose, Arianne Slinkey, Lahta 'hozhoon Sherman and Ramona Pierson.

Top row l-r: Abigail Darragh, Adelia Owens, Dariney Slinkey, Jayci Bear, Kola Carter, ReShea Jenkins, Moriah Whiteman, Destiny Richards and Alisha Sealey.



Pictured l-r: Bottom row: A'Vaughtaie Shockley, Jarred Blurton, Michael Bigfoot, Sir Campbell, Ethan Wilson and D'monic Guzman.

Top row: Allen Sioux, Christian Guzman, Jacob Girten, DaShaun Lucas, Warren Williams, Karl Thunderbull and Elijah Wilson.

Championship game to face Twin Hills, it was a tough fought game with the Chiefs winning 55-50. In the final state championship games the boys were up against Justice for the state title and Gold Ball, the Chiefs won with a score of 47-36.

Chief players were honored after the game, Jarred Blurton and Ethan Wilson, All-tournament and Taie Shockley, named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament.

The Darlington Lady Chiefs and Chiefs basketball teams would like to thank everyone who helped, supported and cheered, and said they, "certainly could not have done it without you."

The two teams have accomplished a great deal. They are the first two teams from Darlington to play for the area championship, the first two teams from Darlington to make it to the quarterfinals and the first Darlington player, Zhoonie Sherman, to win All-tournament two years in a row. The first set of brothers to win state for Darlington, Ethan and Elijah Wilson and the most significant, the first time the girls and boys basketball teams won state in the same year.

"Congratulations on a wonderful season Lady Chiefs and Chiefs, I love each one of you very much," Coach Mike Pierson said.

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